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Letter dated 1 September 2017 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to Ambassador Liu Jieyi's letter of 27 July 2017, I have the honour to confirm that the members of the Security Council have agreed to send a mission to Ethiopia from 6 to 8 September 2017. They have also agreed on the terms of reference of the mission (see annex).

I have the honour to lead this mission in my capacities as Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations and President of the Security Council for the month of September 2017.

Following consultations with the members, it has been agreed that the composition of the mission will be as follows:

Ambassador Sacha Sergio Llorentty Soliz (Bolivia (Plurinational State of))
Ambassador Liu Jieyi (China)
Ambassador Amr Abdellatif Aboulatta (Egypt)
Ambassador Tekeda Alemu (Ethiopia)
Ms. Anne Gueguen (France)
Ambassador Sebastiano Cardi (Italy)
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Ambassador Kairat Umarov (Kazakhstan)
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Ambassador Fodé Seck (Senegal)
Ambassador Olof Skoog (Sweden)
Mr. Yuriy Vitrenko (Ukraine)
Ambassador Jonathan Allen (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Ambassador Michele J. Sison (United States of America)
Ambassador Elbio Rosselli (Uruguay)

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Tekeda **Alemu**
President of the Security Council

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Annex

Terms of reference of the Security Council mission to Ethiopia

1. The Security Council will carry out its mission to Ethiopia for the eleventh annual joint consultative meeting between the members of the United Nations Security Council and the Peace and Security Council of the African Union, to be held at the headquarters of the African Union in Addis Ababa on 7 and 8 September 2017.

2. The objectives of the mission are the following:

I. Informal consultations

The partnership between the African Union and the United Nations

(a) To continue to develop an effective partnership and enhance cooperation between the African Union and the United Nations through an exchange of views on issues of interest to both the United Nations Security Council and the African Union Peace and Security Council;

Funding for African Union peace and security activities

(b) To discuss how the United Nations can enhance support for the African Union peace operations authorized by the Security Council, particularly with regard to the predictability, sustainability and flexibility of financing these operations, and to discuss progress made by the African Union towards the implementation of benchmarks for self-financing, financial transparency, conduct and discipline and human rights frameworks;

Post-conflict peacebuilding

(c) To discuss the importance of partnership and cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union, to improve cooperation and coordination in peacebuilding, to increase synergies and ensure the coherence and complementarity of such efforts, and to encourage regular exchanges, joint initiatives and information-sharing between the Peacebuilding Support Office and relevant bodies of regional and subregional organizations, such as the African Union Commission;

II. Joint consultative meeting

The situation in Somalia

(d) To exchange views on how to build on recent political and security achievements to realize the objective of a secure, stable and prosperous Somalia, in particular through support for security sector reform and institution-building;

The situation in South Sudan

(e) To discuss the security and humanitarian situation in South Sudan and what steps the African Union and the United Nations Security Council can take to help achieve a genuine and sustainable ceasefire and facilitate the revitalization of the political process towards a lasting solution through inclusive dialogue;

The situation in the Lake Chad Basin region

(f) To discuss the threat posed by terrorism, particularly the terrorist attacks perpetrated by Boko Haram and the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, also known as Da'esh), as well as the dire humanitarian situation in the Lake Chad Basin region, including large-scale displacement, and the risk of famine in the region;

(g) To discuss the mobilization and implementation of regional and international support to assist the conflict-affected populations of the region and its respective Governments in their efforts to respond to these challenges.